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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Flynn, W.  
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Examiner : Devore, P.T.  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2006, please amend the above-referenced patent application (“subject application”) as follows:

- (1) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.